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REMARKS

The undersigned appreciates the conversation on April 30, 2003, he had with the Examiner regarding claims 25 and 26, and regarding a Section 112 objection the Examiner raised during the conversation.

With respect to claims 25 and 26, the Examiner requested amendment to correct certain inconsistencies, and those amendments have been made.

With respect to the Section 112 objection, a person of ordinary skill in the art would readily recognize that the silanes are inherently included as contaminants in the typical industrial grade glycidoxypropyltrimethoxysilane, and Applicant intended that epoxy-functionalized silanes include an epoxy group.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicant submits that the application is in condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully submitted at the earliest possible date. Should there be any questions regarding this

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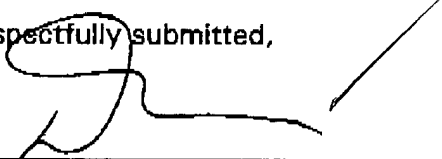
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application, Examiner Zimmer is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the phone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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